City of Seattle

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is made vibrant through the diversity of its

people and benefits from a long history of cultural exchange

with its Irish community; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle has benefitted from the cultural, spiritual, and

intellectual contributions of its Irish population since the city's

foundation; and

WHEREAS, March 17 is the feast day of the great patron Saint of Ireland,

Saint Patrick, and it has become a national holiday wherein the

brotherhood of all persons is celebrated in conviviality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has maintained a strong, fruitful relationship

with our sister city of Galway, Ireland since 1986, and welcomes visiting friends and dignitaries to our city for these celebrations;

and

WHEREAS, during March 10 - 17, 2016, members of the Irish Heritage Club,

dignitaries, families, friends and citizens of Seattle will celebrate

our Irish community with a weeklong Irish Festival that includes: language and cultural exhibits, the Irish Reels Film Festival, the Irish Proclamation Luncheon, the Green Stripe Laying, Seattle's St. Patrick's Day Parade, the St. Patrick's Day

Mass for Peace, and many more community events;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 10-17, 2016 TO BE, IN OUR CITY

Irish Week

Mayor Edward B. Murray City of Seattle

